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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-72 are pending in the application. Claim 31 has been objected to. Claims 1-72 have been rejected.

Claims 1-72 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

New claims 73-92 have been added in order to further define what the Applicants consider to be the invention. Applicants respectfully assert that no new matter has been added.

Therefore, claims 73-92 are now pending in the application.

Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the specification and the drawings add no new matter.

Remarks to the Drawings

Fig. 1 has been amended to match the specification and to correct a typographical error. The entire drawing sheet containing each corrected drawing is enclosed for review by the Examiner.

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Remarks to the Specification

Specifically, in the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 26, the reference numerals "32 and 34" were added after the words "vent holes" and the reference numeral "38" was added 1after the word "apertures" to make the specification conform with Fig. 1 of the drawings. These amendments to the specification are editorial in nature and do not introduce new matter. The Examiner's approval and entry of the amendments to the specification is respectfully requested.

Drawings Objections

The drawings have been objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include reference signs not mentioned in the specification i.e. 30 and 38. Figure 1 of the drawings has been amended to delete redundant reference numeral 30. The specification has been amended to add reference numeral 38. In view of the amendments to the drawings and to the specification, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objection to the drawings.

Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 31 because of alleged informalities. Claim 31 has been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, the examiner's objection to claim 31 is now moot.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-32 and 49-70 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-32 and 49-70 have been canceled. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-32 and 49-70 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is now moot.

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35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 10 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Monthony et al.

Claims 1-8, 10 and 12 have been canceled. Accordingly, the Examiner rejection of claims 1-8, 10 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Monthony et al is now moot.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 9 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Monthony et al. (US Patent 3,948,743) in view of Cabilly et al. (US Patent 5,865,974).

Claims 9 and 16 have been canceled. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection of claims 9 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Monthony et al. in view of Cabilly et al. is now moot.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 17-25, 27, 28, 32, 62-65 and 67-70 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over over Cabilly et al. (US Patent 5,865,974) in view of Monthony et al. (US Patent 3,948,743).

Claims 17-25, 27, 28, 32, 62-65 and 67-70 have been canceled. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection of claims 17-25, 27, 28, 32, 62-65 and 67-70 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Cabilly et al. in view of Monthony et al., is now moot.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Monthony et al. (US Patent 3,948,743) in view of Cabilly et al. (WO 97/41070).

Claims 13-15 have been canceled. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection of claims 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Monthony et al. in view of Cabilly et al., is now moot.

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In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 29-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Cabilly et al. (US Patent 5,865,974) and Monthony et al. (US Patent 3,948,743) as applied to claim 17 above, and further in view of Cabilly et al. (WO 97/41070).

Claims 29-31 have been canceled. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection of claims 29-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Cabilly et al. and Monthony et al. as applied to claim 17 above, and further in view of Cabilly et al., is now moot.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 33-45, 47-59, 61, 66, 71 and 72 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Cabilly et al. (WO 97/41070) in view of Monthony et al. (US Patent 3,948,743).

Claims 33-45, 47-59, 61, 66, 71 and 72 have been canceled. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection of claims 33-45, 47-59, 61, 66, 71 and 72 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Cabilly et al. in view of Monthony et al., is now moot.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Monthony et al. (US Patent 3,948,743) in view of Tocci (US Patent 3,715,295).

Claim 11 has been canceled. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection of claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Monthony et al. in view of Tocci, is now moot.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Cabilly et al. (US Patent 5,865,974) and Monthony et al. (US Patent 3,948,743) as applied to claim 17 above, and further in view of Tocci (US Patent 3,715,295).

Claim 26 has been canceled. Accordingly, the Examiner rejection of claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Cabilly et al. and Monthony et al. as applied to claim 17 above, and further in view of Tocci, is now moot.

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In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 46 and 60 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Cabilly et al. (WO 97/41070) and Monthony et al. (US Patent 3,948,743) as applied to claims 45 and 49 above, respectively, and further in view of Tocci (US Patent 3,715,295).

Claims 46 and 60 have been canceled. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection of claims 46 and 60 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Cabilly et al. and Monthony et al. as applied to claims 45 and 49 above, respectively, and further in view of Tocci, is now moot.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 66 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Cabilly et al. (US Patent 5,865,974) and Monthony et al. (US Patent 3,948,743) as applied to claim 62 above, and further in view of Cabilly et al. (WO 97/41070).

Claim 66 has been canceled. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection of claim 66 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Cabilly et al. and Monthony et al. as applied to claim 62 above, and further in view of Cabilly et al., is now moot.

New claims 73-92 have been added to further define what applicants regard as the invention.

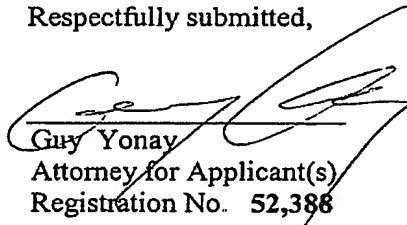
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are deemed to be allowable over the prior art. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims, claims 73-92 is respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Figs. 1 and 2, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 1 and 2. In Figure 1, redundant reference numeral 30 has been deleted.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

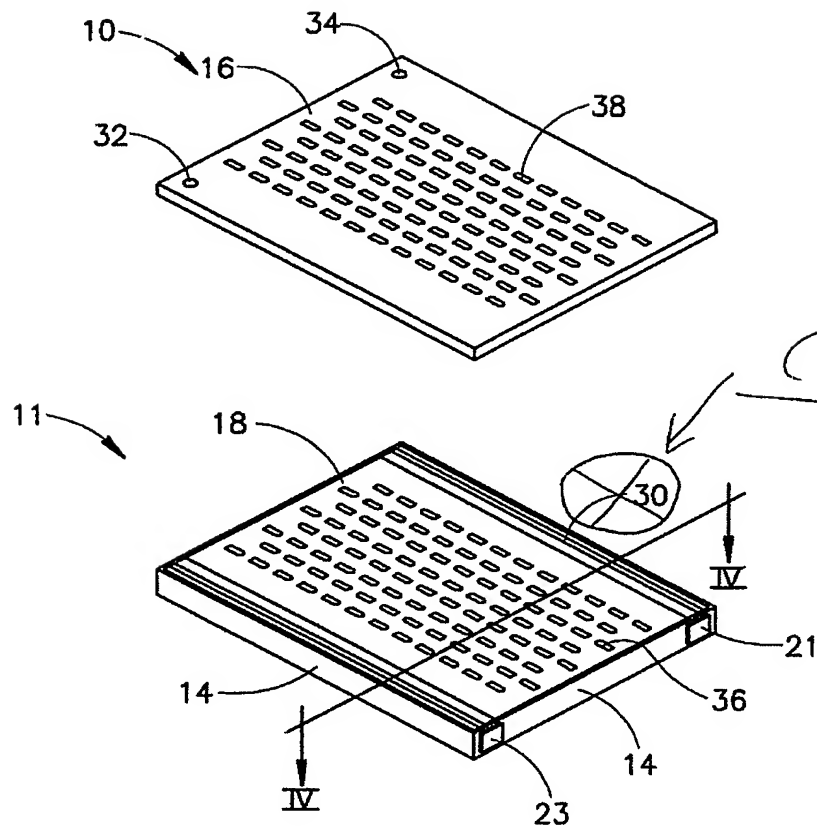


FIG. 1

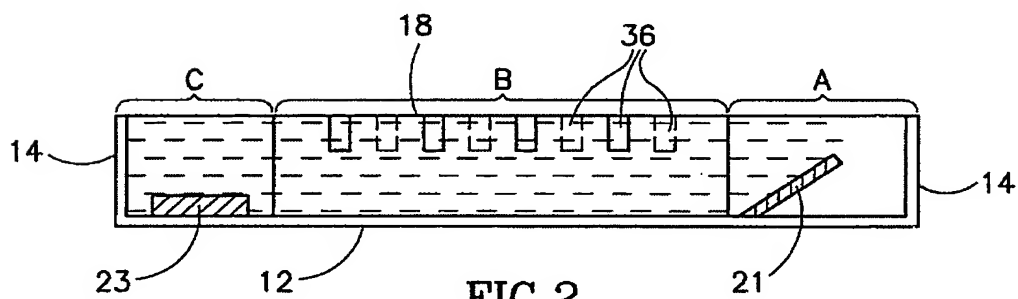


FIG. 2